

Welcome back

We hope you had a lovely half term break and managed to get out and about to enjoy the outdoors in the Spring weather. Our newsletter keeps you updated with news and events and what we have planned for this half term.

Mental Health and Wellbeing:

Here is a selection of useful websites for you to explore, which provide information on how to boost and support you and your children's emotional wellbeing through activities. There is also useful advice about boosting mental health.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond-support-hub>
(Information for parents on Covid 19 support)

www.place2be.org.uk (Well being activities)

www.bbc.co.uk/headroom (For parents and children. Tips for mental health. A mental health toolkit)

Mothers' Day Activities: Week beginning Monday 21st March

We will be celebrating our special people at Nursery and discussing them with the children. We will also be creating some special cards for those special people in our lives, so keep a look out for them!

Core books we will be reading this half term

We focus upon particular books each half term to read to the children regularly so that children develop a bank of well known and loved stories.

You can help by getting the story from your local library and reading it at home to your child.

These stories will be a stimulus for imaginative role play, mark making, creating models and many other learning opportunities.

Poppies & Sunflowers (3-4 year olds):



The Little Red Hen

Daisies (2-3 year olds): We're Going On A Bear Hunt



Easter celebrations Mon 4th-8th April

Easter Hunt for all children. We will also be learning about the celebrations people have at Easter time.

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World Book Day Wednesday 2nd March

The children are welcome to dress up as a character from their favourite book. However, this is not an expectation. We will be developing the children's love of books throughout a period of two weeks, focusing on developing their key Literacy skills.

There is no need to buy costumes, you could:

- Dress all in brown and draw a nose and whiskers with eye liner to be a bear from 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' or 'Goldilocks'
- Wear a stripy top to be the 'Tiger Who Came to Tea' or 'Humpty Dumpty'
- Wear a witches hat for 'Room on the Broom'
- Wear a hat and coat to be 'Paddington' bear
- Dress all in green to be the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar'

We will be spending lots of time sharing stories together to really bring the event to life. Look out for our Tapestries to update you.

Childrens Centre

Birmingham is divided into 10 districts. Each district within Birmingham has an allocated Childrens Centre/ Centres. Please click on the link below to find out more about our local Childrens Centre and Health Visiting team, and the services they offer;

<https://www.bhamforwardsteps.co.uk/>

Parents Consultation meetings Monday 4th April- Friday 8th April

Parent consultations will be held over the phone, or face to face. Please let your key worker know your preference. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you. These are for the parents/ carers who last spoke with their key worker in December. If you are unsure if this applies to you, please do ask at any time.

Those parents/ carers who spoke with us in February, your next appointments will be in May. We will keep you informed of dates.

Early Birds and Barn Owls

To enable us to utilise staff more effectively, all future bookings for Early Birds and Barn Owls will need to be booked and paid for in advance. The deadline for bookings will be 3:30pm each Friday, to access provision for the following week. We will no longer accept on the day bookings.

Core Rhymes

Singing rhymes helps children learn about rhythm and rhyme to help with pre reading skills. It is also great fun! This half term we will be singing:

Poppies & Sunflowers (3-4 year olds):

Chick, chick, chick, chicken lay a little egg for me, 5 little ducks, Two little dickie birds, sing a song of sixpence

Daisies (2-3 year olds):'Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around, 5 little bears, Jack and Jill

Makaton signs

Makaton is designed to support spoken language – signs are used alongside speech to help children to communicate.

Poppies and Sunflowers: seed, plant, grow, water.

Daisies: seed, plant, grow, water.

Events – book, read, Mum, Easter, Easter eggs

Makaton Easter rhyme - Five little Easter eggs -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TO7nUfkG3ug>

Follow the link below to find more about Makaton

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/makaton>

This half term we will be learning.....

Personal, social & emotional development

- o Making Relationships – circle time games
- o Leadership roles
- o Ring games
- o Vocabulary of emotions & feelings relating to Goldilocks

Communication & Language

- o Listen to others & to stories
- o Use story stones, re-enact story
- o Join in with repeated refrains in known stories
- o Understands prepositions- under, on top, behind' by
- o Understand 'why' and 'how' questions

Physical development

- o Block play - building structures
- o Creating obstacle courses independently
- o Independently use name cards for writing names on paintings
- o Independently using bikes, balls, climbing frame
- o Using tools in Forest School with support
- o Toileting & putting on coats independently
- o Tasting Indian Food

Literacy

- o Give meaning to marks made
- o Rhyming songs
- o Rhyming games – continuing rhyming strings
- o Alliteration games
- o Mark making – Painting daffodils and using range of tools & Mothers' day cards, Easter hats & baskets
- o Identify some letters – match and identify
- o Holds books correctly and turn pages

Maths

- o Sing nursery rhymes that subtract numbers
- o Look for numerals in the environment
- o Mark making numbers
- o Exploring counting jumps, steps, cups of water
- o Talk about the shape of objects
- o Junk modelling with boxes, tubes etc
- o Problem solving challenges
- o Compare weight and length of objects

Understanding the World

- o Learn about Easter & Vaisakhi
- o Act out the lifecycle of a seed to music
- o Mother's day- talking about those special to us.
- o Planting, observing changes in weather and growth
- o Use computer to find out about Vaisakhi & Easter
- o Use bee bots and remote control cars.

Expressive arts & design

- o Movements in response to music
- o Follow a steady beat
- o Create structures, making enclosures and creating spaces
- o Use tools for a purpose in a variety of ways- scissors, hole punchers, clay tools, stapler
- o Easter celebrations- Easter Hunt
- o Mother's Day celebration
- o Make up rhythms for Mothers' Day song

Vaisakhi celebrations Wednesday 13 th April

The harvest and new year festival of the Punjab region is celebrated on Wednesday 13th April this year. We will be learning all about these celebrations. Look out for our Tapestry update

We're learning to say 'hello' in Punjabi

We teach children to say hello in a different language each half term.

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Unicef Rights Respecting School

We are very proud to have achieved our Gold Unicef Rights Respecting School award which demonstrates our commitment to Children's Rights.

This half term we will focus upon the following rights:

Article 28: Right to education

- o World Book Day
- o Parents Literacy workshop

Article 29: Goals of education

- o Mothers' Day
- o Forest School, Eco school – recycling, litter picking
- o Spring - growing and planting

Article 30: Culture

- o Easter
- o Vaisakhi
- o Learning to say hello in Punjabi

Applied Theatre Students

We are very lucky to have a drama student joining us from Birmingham City University. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to work with a specialist in story retelling. We will keep you posted!

Library books

We will be sending Library books home weekly. Your child will have a cloth bag to use each week. We hope you will have lots of fun sharing new stories after Easter!

Learning at home

Each half term you will be given a 'Home Learning' sheet with ideas for supporting learning at home. Which link to things we are doing at nursery.

We suggest 'next steps' for your child's learning and development on their Tapestry observations that you can access and also add your own pictures and comments.

More ideas for learning at home are available on our website under the 'Teaching & Learning' section. www.goodwayn.bham.sch.uk

Please choose a book each week to read with your child and read with them every day. Sharing a story together every day is the most important thing you can do to support your child's early reading development.

Half Term break

We close for the Easter break on Friday 8th April. We look forward to welcoming our families back on Tuesday 26th April.